

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 573

By Lynn

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mark Hinesley on his twenty-fifth anniversary as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pay tribute to those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Mark Hinesley, who is celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce is an integral part of the economic development and support of the local business community in Mt. Juliet; and

WHEREAS, Mark Hinesley was hired as President and CEO of the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce in 1998, having previously served in various leadership roles with the Chamber, including serving on the Board of Directors and as Board President; and

WHEREAS, throughout his twenty-five-year tenure as the Chamber's president and CEO, Mr. Hinesley has tirelessly served his local community; he is dedicated to supporting the local business community and the development of commerce in the area, and Chamber membership has grown from 143 members in 1998 to more than 720 members today; and

WHEREAS, the population of Mt. Juliet has increased from 11,000 to over 40,000 in the past twenty-five years and Mark Hinesley's role at the Chamber is integral to that growth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hinesley's leadership has helped bring many new businesses to Mt. Juliet and Wilson County. The city's biggest cheerleader whenever new businesses are considering coming to the area, one of his favorite sayings is that "you can check the pulse of a

community by looking at how they treat their youth and their senior citizens," and he is a big supporter of the local education system and services for the community's senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, a great connector of people, Mark Hinesley is known for his follow-up and for continuously looking to make things better than they already are, going above and beyond to make sure every chamber member is valued and supported; and

WHEREAS, the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce has conducted many successful and well-attended events over the years that Mr. Hinesley has helped develop and lead; a few such events include the popular Waffle Wednesday, the annual Golf Tournament, and an annual Chamber Celebration Banquet, during which members are celebrated and recognized for their leadership roles in the community; and

WHEREAS, Mark Hinesley has been a key advocate for community growth, including legislation that would support that growth; he is always forward-thinking and shows his support with both local and state legislative bodies, and he is known for creating unity between the cities in Wilson County to promote commerce that is beneficial for the greater area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hinesley is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mark Hinesley on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce, thank him for his dedicated service to the Mt. Juliet business community, and extend to him our best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to

the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.